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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 22-39 are pending. Claims 1-21 were previously canceled.

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for her comments and thoughtful analysis of the present application. However, the Examiner's analysis is directed to claims that had been previously canceled by a Preliminary Amendment filed on March 25, 2004, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A. Applicants have also checked the PAIR system and have confirmed that the Preliminary Amendment was entered as of March 25, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By way of the Office Action mailed March 10, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 9-12 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. However, claims 9-12 and 19 had been previously canceled and are no longer pending. Therefore, the rejection is moot and Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

By way of the Office Action mailed March 10, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 13, 15-17, 18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated and thus unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 3,989,586 to Bashaw et al. However, claims 1-8, 13, 15-17, 18 and 21 had been previously canceled and are no longer pending. Therefore, the rejection is moot and Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

By way of the Office Action mailed March 10, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 14 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made and thus unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 3,989,586 to Bashaw et al.

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in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,217,890 to Paul et al. However, claims 14 and 20 had been previously canceled and are no longer pending. Therefore, the rejection is moot and Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims (i.e., claim 22-39) are in form for allowance. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request a new Office Action directed to currently pending claims 22-39.

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